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A process for reducing the content of oxygen-containing and/or nitrogen-containing compounds in streams having an isobutene content of at least 10% by weight, which comprises passing the stream in the liquid state at a temperature T [in K] and a linear velocity v [in cm/min] over a fixed bed of an acid-free zeolite having a mean pore size of from 0.3 to 1.5 nm, where the fixed bed has a length I [in cm] in the flow direction of the stream and T, v and I obey the relationship

 $2^{(T-283 \text{ K})/10 \text{ K}} \bullet \text{ I/v} \le 500 \text{ min,}$

is described. The process avoids the formation of isobutene oligomers.